

# Appeal 2006-2007



International Federation  
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

## Palestine Red Crescent Society

Appeal no. MAAPS001

Appeal total: CHF 503,000 [<click here for budget summary>](#)

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Secretariat Programmes	2006 budget (CHF)	2007 budget (CHF)	2006-2007 Total (CHF)
Organisational development	263,000	240,000	<b>503,000</b>

### Focus in 2006-2007

The International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (Federation) seeks support for its representation in the Palestinian Autonomous Territories and Occupied Territories (Palestinian AT/OT). The focus of the Federation representation is to provide technical support to the Palestine Red Crescent Society (PRCS) in the field of organizational development and coordination. This support will encompass the following priorities:

- Branch development
- Human resource development
- Planning
- Financial management
- Youth and volunteers management
- Gender
- Management and organizational structure
- Partnership coordination

### The Humanitarian situation in the Palestinian AT/OT

The Israeli-Palestinian conflict dates back to the creation of the state of Israel in 1948, which was followed by several wars between Israel and the surrounding Arab countries. According to UNRWA figures from 2003, there were 4,082,300 registered Palestinian refugees in the Palestinian AT/OT and neighbouring countries. Out of these, 1,301,689 people live in official camps.

The outbreak of the second Palestinian uprising (intifada) in September 2000, resulted in a dramatic increase in the number of checkpoints, roadblocks and curfews. And in 2002, the Israeli government started the construction of the Separation Wall separating Israel from the Palestinian AT/OT. These actions are limiting the mobility of Palestinians and their access to health, education and social services and to large areas of farmland and water sources. The movement restrictions also have affected the functioning of public services and hindered movement of ambulances, health service workers and medical supplies, which is further jeopardizing the lives of the population. There have been a dramatic growing numbers of destitute people who are becoming constantly more dependent on humanitarian foreign aid and welfare assistance.

The situation among Palestinian refugees living in Lebanon is entirely different. They live in refugee camps in great poverty, unemployed and without enjoying the same rights as the local population. Example, they have limited rights with regard to property ownership, the right to work and freedom of movement.

It is important to view the humanitarian needs in the Palestinian AT/OT in the light of the rapid political changes that are constantly taking place. In case of prolonged or growing conflict the humanitarian situation in the Palestinian AT/OT is expected to continue to deteriorate, increasing the need for humanitarian aid. On the other hand, a peaceful solution to the conflict in Israel and the Palestinian AT/OT could result in a greatly improved situation.

Presently PRCS structures are geared to respond to the extreme conditions of the ongoing conflict, and in the case of sudden, successful peace processes, the PRCS would be confronted with different needs and changes in the funding environment. Disasters caused by earthquakes in the region are considered to be a real risk.

The following issues continue to challenge the PRCS operations:

1. Restricted mobility and access of ambulances and health teams to villages.
2. Relief operation mushrooming due to construction of separation wall, siege and poverty.
3. Gaza-West Bank coordination & communications are weak and irregular.
4. Branch-branch coordination, cooperation & communications are weak and irregular.
5. Communications, coordination and cooperation with the Diaspora branches are weak and irregular.

### **History of Federation/PRCS cooperation**

The Federation has worked with PRCS both in the Palestinian AT/OT and in Lebanon since 1995 on organizational and programme development. This cooperation contributed to strengthened partnerships with the partner national societies and several international governmental and non-governmental organizations.

A Federation presence is still needed in the coming years. However, the future representation will consist of a representative, a finance/OD delegate (part of the year) and an assistant. The representation will continue to technically support PRCS in key emergency response projects as needed, but special focus will be on organizational development and coordination.

In Lebanon, where the Federation has maintained an office in the premises of the PRCS Lebanon Branch (PRCS/L) since mid 2003, closer working relationships need to be maintained and the branch will receive similar technical support as in the Palestinian AT/OT.

In the Palestinian AT/OT and according to Seville agreement, ICRC remains the lead agency in coordinating Movement activities.

### **Coordinating partnership cooperation**

During the current Intifada, the Movement support to PRCS increased, which highlighted the need to further harmonize and coordinate projects to maximize efficient use of resources. Accordingly, the PRCS established the International Cooperation Unit that aims at enhancing partnership coordination and guiding donor support towards

new priority projects as well as expanding existing relevant ones. Also, a projects database was established to facilitate project monitoring and reporting issues.<sup>1</sup> Monthly movement coordination meetings continue to take place organized by the International Cooperation unit.

With the new arrangements in place (presence of the Federation at a lower profile), the International Cooperation unit with the technical support of the Federation, will take new responsibilities in partnership management, including planning, project development, reporting, monitoring and marketing.

PRCS informed its partners that it is seeking independency in fundraising through encouraging bilateral partnership cooperation.

## Overall goal

Improved organizational capacities of the PRCS improve the quality and the quantity of its services to the most vulnerable. (see details in the PRCS profile)

## Programme objective

The PRCS' organizational systems are increasingly efficient, effective and able to contribute proportionally to the well being of the most vulnerable in the Palestinian AT/OT and Diaspora.

## Expected results

- PRCS has improved systems for the management of human, financial and material resources.
- The capacity of PRCS branches in contributing to community development had been promoted.

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*This appeal seeks to fund programmes to be implemented in 2006 and 2007. These programmes are aligned with the International Federation's Global Agenda, which sets out four broad goals to meet the Federation's mission to "improve the lives of vulnerable people by mobilizing the power of humanity":*

### **Global Agenda Goals**

1. *Reduce the numbers of deaths, injuries and impact from disasters.*
2. *Reduce the number of deaths, illnesses and impact from diseases and public health emergencies.*
3. *Increase local community, civil society and Red Cross Red Crescent capacity to address the most urgent situations of vulnerability.*
4. *Reduce intolerance, discrimination and social exclusion and promote respect for diversity and human dignity.*

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<sup>1</sup> Full information about cooperation projects is available upon request. Contact [info@palestinercs.org](mailto:info@palestinercs.org)

# PROGRAMME BUDGETS SUMMARY

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PROGRAMME:	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	Emergency	Total
	CHF	CHF	CHF	CHF	CHF	CHF	CHF
Shelter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Construction	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Clothing & Textiles	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Food	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Seeds & Plants	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Water & Sanitation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Medical & First Aid	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Teaching Materials	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Utensils & tools	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Supplies & Services	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>SUPPLIES</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Land & Buildings	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vehicles	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Computers & Telecom	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Medical equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>LAND, VEHICLES &amp; EQUIPMEN</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Storage	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Distribution & Monitoring	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transport & Vehicles cost	0	0	0	2,600	0	0	2,600
<b>TRANSPORT &amp; STORAGE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,600</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,600</b>
International Staff	0	0	0	366,700	0	0	366,700
Regionally Deployed Staff	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
National staff	0	0	0	21,600	0	0	21,600
National Society Staff	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Consultants	0	0	0	10,000	0	0	10,000
<b>PERSONNEL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>398,300</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>398,300</b>
Workshops & Training	0	0	0	4,000	0	0	4,000
<b>WORKSHOPS &amp; TRAINING</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,000</b>
Travel & related expenses	0	0	0	7,200	0	0	7,200
Information & Public Rela	0	0	0	4,800	0	0	4,800
Office Running Costs	0	0	0	9,600	0	0	9,600
Communication Costs	0	0	0	12,000	0	0	12,000
Professional Fees	0	0	0	30,000	0	0	30,000
Other General Expenses	0	0	0	2,400	0	0	2,400
<b>GENERAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>66,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>66,000</b>
Asset Depreciation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Contributions & Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>CONTRIBUTIONS &amp; TRANSFERS</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Programme Support	0	0	0	32,736	0	0	32,736
<b>PROGRAMME SUPPORT</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>32,736</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>32,736</b>
<b>TOTAL BUDGET:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>503,636</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>503,636</b>